Operation flood projects

4106. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Book on Indo-Dutch Studies carried out over 10 years by Indian and Dutch Scholars regarding Operation Flood projects and its review in Eco-Times of 8-11-91 in repect of programme implementation of Dairy projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that the studies reveal India's dependence on imports which would be hard to wean away from external Debt Burden; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The book has misrepresented the facts regarding India's dependence on imported dairy commodities. The gift imports of dairy commodities are being received from European Economic Community (EEC) for implementation of Operation Flood-III (OF-III) programme, in a regulated manner. There has been no receipt of gift commodities from EEC after August, 1989. The commercial import of skimmed milk powder was discontinued from 1975-76. However, commercial import of some quantity of skimmed milk powder and butter oil was made during 1987-88 to 1989-90 to meet the supply and demand position of milk affected due to unprecedented drought situation during 1987-88. Since the implementation of Operation Flood Programme in 1970 there has been significant increase in the indigenous production of milk powder and infant milk food. The commercial import of dairy commodities depends upon circumstances from time to time.

मिट्टी का परीक्षण करने वाली प्रयोगशालाओं का कार्य

4107. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मिट्टी का परीक्षण करने वाली प्रयोगशालाओं के क्या-क्या कार्य हैं ;

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश के किन-किन जिलों में मिट्टी का परीक्षण करने वाली प्रयोगशालायें काम कर रही हैं ; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों में हर जिले से कितने-कितने मिट्टी के नमूनों के परीक्षण किये गये ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) मृदा परीक्षण प्रयोगशालायें मृदा में पोषक तत्वों की स्थिति के अनुसार उर्वरक उपयोग के लिये सिफारिशें करने हेतु मृदा के नमूनों का विश्लेषण करती हैं। सिंचाई के पानी की क्वालिटी का पता लगाने के लिये कुछेक प्रयोगशालायें पानी के नमूनों का विश्लेषण भी करती है

(ख) और (ग) सूचना राज्य सरकार से मंगवाई गई है और उसकी प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है।

Amendment of cooperative laws

4108. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the co-operative laws; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) the steps being taken to ensure that the co-operatives do not become monopoly of the members and their employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Cooperation is a State subjects and hence amendment of Cooperative Laws comes under the jurisdiction and purview of the respective State Governments. However, Government of India in the Planning Commission appointed a Committee to draft a Model Cooperative Act. The Model Cooperative Act, as recommended by the Committee, has been forwarded to all the State Governments for their consideration. The Model Act envisages *inter-alia*, democratic functioning of the cooperatives which is one of the Cooperative Principles.

Warehouses

4109. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of warehouses owned by the Central Warehousing Corporation and those hired; the total cost on hire and the details of private warehouse owners including rates per square feet given to them;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are many parties ready to lower rates for the storage, but have been denied and a few favoured have been given the job at higher rates; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to investigate the matter and assess the personal property of M.D. of the Central Warehousing Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As on 1.2.1992, the total number of warehouses with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), both owned and hired, were 494. The rent paid by CWC on hired warehouses during 1991-92 (upto 29-2-92) was Rs. 8.47 Crores (Provisional). The details of the godowns hired from various parties during the same period are given in the statement annexed. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 85.

(b) The rents of the godowns hired by CWC vary from place to place and from time to time. Even at the same place, the rents depend on various factors such as location of the godowns, type of construction, nearness to the market, demand and supply at a given time etc. All relevant aspects are thus taken into consideration by CWC while hiring any particular godown.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Global Tenders for Import of Wheat

4110. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to issue global tenders for purchasing wheat in the wake of rejection by United States of America to supply wheat with subsidy; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to tap the major wheat producing nations so as to get an idea of the the prices to be shelled out for the imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Government have invited open global tenders for import of wheat. It is expected that intending suppliers, including those in major wheat producing countries, would give their offers.

Import of Wheat

4111. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI B. L. PANWAR:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. has informed India that it will not allow subsidised sales of wheat to India;